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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS,  
SIR:

In response to the Final Office action, dated January 6, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 18 of this paper.